

Remarks

No substantive Office Action has as yet issued in the above case. The above Preliminary Amendment is designed to overcome some antecedent basis issues, as well as to present claims focusing on some additional features of the specification.

Note that:

(a) amended claim 2 finds support in original claims 1 and 2 as well as paragraph [0021];

(b) amended claim 5 corrects the antecedent basis by inserting a dash;

(c) amended claim 13 finds support in original claim 13;

(d) amended claims 15 and 16 correct the antecedent basis by referring to the material rather than the attachment means, and amended claim 15 also corrects a dependency;

(e) amended claim 21 corrects a dependency (as the water-dissolvable attachment means was introduced in claim 3, not claim 1);

(f) new claim 45 is supported by, among other things, paragraph [0038];

(g) new claims 46 and 47 are supported by, among other things, paragraph [0117]; and

(h) new claim 48 is supported by, among other things, paragraph [0030].

As two new independent claims have been added, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055 for the amount of the additional fee due to their presentation (believed to be \$172 - 2 times \$86). Should any additional fees be needed for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, please also charge them to Deposit Account 17-0055 for the amount of the fee.

Respectfully submitted,  
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